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Chief Says Red Air Force Will Not Shoot on Sight

MOSCOW, July 23 (P)—Marshal S. I. Rudenko, Russian Air Force Chief of Staff, said today the Soviet Air Force has been ordered not to shoot on sight foreign planes intruding into Soviet air space.

But, he said, the United States will be held responsible for any future incident resulting from flights by Rudenko American planes over Soviet territory.

Russia charged July 10 that United States twin-engine, medium bombers from West Germany had flown over Russian territory east of Poland on July 4, 5, and 9. The United States denied the charges.

Rudenko said there was no question in his mind that the Soviet charges were true.



"They were flying at tremendous altitude, he said. "Our planes flew alongside and signaled them to land, but the American planes disregarded the signals and continued on their courses."

Asked if the Soviet pilots had identified any American markings on the planes, Rudenko said:

"They did not see any markings, but our fliers know United States planes."

One American reporter suggested the planes may have been made in the United States and sold to another country.

"That's your responsibility," Rudenko replied.

Nehru Is Back Home

Reuters
NEW DELHI, Indian Prime Minister Nehru returned today from Europe.